Please amend the Abstract of the specification in the manner indicated:

A method and apparatus for identifying uncorrectable Reed-Solomon codewords in the presence of Reed-Solomon codewords which may have errors and erasures and otherwise be correctable. ~~In a Reed-Solomon decoder handling both errors and erasures, an uncorrectable codeword is identified when any one or more of six conditions (a) to (f) is satisfied: (a) no solution to key equation $\sigma(x)T(x) \equiv \Omega(x) \bmod x^{2T}$; b) deg $\sigma(x) \neq$ nerrors; (c) error and erasure locations coincide; (d) deg$\omega(x) \geq$nerrors+nerasures; (e) nerasures+2*nerrors>2T; and (f) an error location has a zero correction magnitude; where nerrors and nerasures represent, respectively, a number of errors with reference to an error locator polynomial $\sigma(x)$ and a number of erasures with reference to an erasure locator polynomial $\Lambda(x)$, 2T is the strength of a Reed-Solomon code, $\omega(x)$ is an errata evaluator polynomial, and T(x) is a modified syndrome polynomial. A detector circuit 300 comprises a logic unit 350 which tests for the conditions (a) to (g), and an indicator unit 360 which provides a corresponding output.~~